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About Melbourne Information Booklet





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## Welcome to Melbourne, Australia



Welcome to Melbourne, Australia and ICWP2020. We have created this information booklet in the hope that it assists you with your arrival into Australia.

Melbourne is a beautiful city and is situated on the coast in Victoria. There are so many things to do and see and the Victorian Government have a wonderful webpage that is worth a visit as it is a wealth of information: Visit Melbourne

Just a few highlights are the modern Federation Square development, with plazas, bars, and restaurants by the Yarra River. In the Southbank area, the Melbourne Arts Precinct is the site of Arts Centre Melbourne – a performing arts complex – and the National Gallery of Victoria, with Australian and indigenous art and near the conference venue is Melbourne Zoo.

Melbourne is also known for its many laneways full of hidden eateries, its cultural diversity, excellent dining options for all budgets, and amazing street art. It's also known for being the coffee capital of the world, and for being regularly voted as the world's most liveable city

July in Melbourne is winter so it will be chilly and possibly raining so please pack accordingly also remembering that you will be in conference rooms during the day so we recommend layering of clothes.



## What to expect in Melbourne, Australia?

## Melbourne Weather

Melbourne enjoys crisp winters, lovely spring, hot summers and beautiful autumn days. You will arrive into Australia during winter and can expect it to be cold. Average temperatures are between 14 and 6 degrees most days.

Yearly	Temp ( °F)		Temp ( °C)		Rainfall		
	Average Daily		Average Daily		Average Monthly		
Month	Max	Min	Max	Min	in	mm	
May	62	48	17	9	2.2	56	
June	57	44	14	7	2.0	50	
July	57	43	14	6	1.9	48	

Here is a guide:

A great website for tracking Melbourne's weather is available here

## Currency

Australia has a decimal system with 100 cents to the dollar (\$AUD). We have 6 coins and there are the 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and then the \$1 and \$2 dollars. Notes available are \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 AUD.

### Banks and foreign exchange

Usual banking hours are Monday to Thursday 9am–4pm, Friday 9am–5pm. Major banks ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB, and Westpac, have offices in Melbourne that you can access for money exchange. Foreign currency exchange bureaux are also available at the airport and in Melbourne's central business district. ATMs (automatic teller machines) are widely available in the city and regional areas.

### Tipping

Tipping is at your discretion and not usual in Australia.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

There is a Goods and Services Tax (GST) in Australia which is 10 per cent on most goods and services.

### **Tourism Refund Scheme (TRS)**

Visit the Australian Border Force website for more information on the TRS.

### Arriving or leaving with currency

If you are carrying \$10,000 AUD cash or more (or foreign currency equivalent) into or out of Australia you will need to fill out a Cross-Border Movement – Physical Currency (CBM-PC) form. If asked on arrival, you must also tell a Customs or police officer, if you are carrying any Bearer Negotiable Instruments (BNIs) – also known as promissory notes, travellers' cheques, personal cheques, money orders and postal orders. Even if the BNI has no face value (e.g. a blank cheque), it still needs to be disclosed to a Customs or police officer on request. You will be given a form to fill out if required.

For more information visit the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) website or call the AUSTRAC Help Desk on 1300 021 037.

## Health and Safety

In an emergency please phone 000 and ask for fire, police or ambulance help.



## Transport in Melbourne



There is a wealth of information available regarding the public transport system in Melbourne available here

To get around Melbourne via the public transport system you will require a myki card or download the App that is now available. Melbourne has an extensive tram, train and bus network that you will be able to utilise. Information regarding fare types is available here Get started now by downloading the Google  $\mathsf{Pay}^\mathsf{TM}$  app



If public transport isn't suitable to you there are various taxi companies and rideshare such as Uber. We suggest downloading the Uber App if you haven't already got it on your mobile device.

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### Power

The domestic mains power supply in Australia is 240v, 50Hz. Standard 3 pin earthed power outlets are rated at 10Amps and are usually switched.



# Arrival at Melbourne Airport

## **Incoming Passenger Card**

You will receive an arrival card whilst on board your plane and you need to be mindful to complete this thoroughly and honestly declaring any items required. There are many items that are not allowed to be bought into Australia so please be mindful of this.

Further information regarding these items can be found here and here

### Example of card:



### Sample of completed card:



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PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH	PLEASE X AND ANSWER A OR B	DR C				
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## 1.1 Passport Control

SmartGate – Certain travellers can use the arrivals SmartGate. Simply place your passport into the scanning device for your information to be processed. You can then step into the SmartGate and investigate the camera so that your face can be matched with your passport. When successfully processed, the gate will open. If you are unsuccessful or require special assistance, there will be officers to help manually process your passport. More information.

## 1.2 Baggage Collection

Once you have departed the plane proceed to collect your luggage so that you can proceed to customs.

## 1.3 Quarantine and customs

Australia has strict Quarantine and custom regulations, and this restricts what you will be able to bring into Australia. You need to be wary of carrying any food items in particularly any fresh foods such as fruit. You are required to declare any food, plant material and animal products you are bringing in Australia and if in doubt declare the item on your incoming passenger card or dispose of the item in the clearly marked quarantine bins at the airport.

## 1.4 After you have cleared customs

Baggage services – SmartCarte is located on the ground floor of T2 and can store your bags for a small cost.

Chinese travellers – A specific kiosk is located in the T2 arrivals area for any Chinese travellers seeking assistance.

If you require help – In case of an emergency, you can speak to your closest airline staff or a volunteer and they will be able to assist you.

## 1.5 Transport

This information is available on the ICWIP2020 webpage here

Some further information for you is listed below:

- Taxi A taxi to Melbourne City takes approximately 35 minutes and costs around \$55–65, though times and fares can vary. Taxis can be caught on the ground floor outside T1, and between T2 and T3.
- SkyBus The SkyBus operates three services 24/7 to Melbourne City, St Kilda or Frankston. To the city, this journey takes 30–45 minutes. There is a SkyBus booth to assist with tickets and related services on the ground level of T2.
- Public transport Public buses arrive and depart from Melbourne Airport near the At Terminal T4 Car Park. To travel, you'll need a myki card. This journey is around 70 minutes.
- Pick up If you happen to be having someone collecting you from is the airport from the they can collect you from the pick-up zone or if they would like to meet you in the terminal, they can park at the At Terminal T1 T2 T3 Car Park.
- Car hire There's a great selection of rental car companies available at Melbourne Airport. You'll find them located across the forecourt from T2.

## 1.6 Map of Melbourne Airport Terminal



## 1.7 Free Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi – Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at the airport in the terminals and the car parks.

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